

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 7, 2015
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Kevin Lyden, Elbert Burr, Lewis Buckley, Robert Ross, Edward Chmielewski

2015 JUL 14 PM 4:27

Julia Fugard
CLERK
TOWN OF SALEM

1. **Call to Order:** K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A) M/S/C (Burr/ Ross) to approve the Board of Selectmen June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Correspondence/Public Comments:**

K. Lyden read a letter from resident John & Joanna Haynes concerning resident blight in Salem. K. Lyden stated at some point this problem should be brought to the town.

5. **Agenda Additions or Revisions:**

M/S/C (Lyden/ Chmielewski) Rewording of agenda item: C) Present Final Report to the Board of Selectman regarding Public Safety Service Committee

Vote: Approved Lyden, Burr, Buckley, Ross Opposed: Chmielewski

6. **Agenda**

A) **Act on Two Municipal Resolutions for Chelsea Groton Bank**

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve a loan amount of \$50,000 to be paid one principal and interest payment payable at maturity of July 6, 2016.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) to approve a term loan amount of \$182,000 to be paid with four principal and interested payments, made annually beginning July 6, 2016 in the amount of \$49,002.76.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(see attached)

B) Update of Trail by Recreation Path Committee

S. Spang updated the BOS on the history and progress of the Multi-Purpose Path. She informed the board that the Committee has met with several Federal and State agencies. They have received a Flood Management Permit and an Army Corps permit. She informed the BOS of work that still needs to be done and asked that the path be the priority of a STEAP Grant application which is due in September in the amount of \$500,000 to finish the trail.

K. Lyden stated he would not support the request and would not recommend the BOS support the request due to other projects that may need to be done in Salem.

R. Ross stated he would like to see the grant application and review other needs of the Town.

E. Chmielewski stated the path is a great idea due to the use of the path; but the other needs of the Town should be considered.

C) Present Final Report to the Board of Selectman regarding Public Safety Service Committee

L. Buckley presented the BOS with the final report of the Public Safety Service Committee. He discussed the background of the Committee and issues from the report that the Committee addressed. He thanked the Committee for their work and noted the Committee was unanimous in the final report. L. Buckley stated the next step would be to implement their recommendations and it will be a process for changes to take place in the future.

K. Lyden thanked the volunteers for their work and it would be a slow process to implement changes for the structure of the public safety in Salem.

R. Ross asked if the report could be posted on the website. K. Lyden stated it would be.
(see attached)

D) Change Date of August Board of Selectmen Meeting from August 4th to August 11th

M/S/C (Lyden /Ross) to change the August 4, 2015 Board of Selectman monthly meeting to August 11, 2015.

Vote: approved unanimous.

E) Update on Potential Donation of Land and Building at 397 Old Colchester Road

K. Lyden reported on the donation of land & building at 397 Old Colchester Road to the Town. He stated the building would need abatement; the cost would be \$6500.00. He has spoken to the adjoining property owners; they might possibly be interested in the property. There is no historical value to the building. The issue will be discussed at the next BOS meeting.

F) Tax Refunds (action item)

M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) the Board of Selectman direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$271.19 as recommend and certified by the Tax Collector as presented to the Board of Selectmen on July 7, 2015.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(see attached)

7. Reports

A. First Selectman –

K. Lyden reported:

A \$3,000 Historical Grant Document grant has been received.

A \$102,000 LOCIP grant has been received. It is being used to pave the municipal lot next to the school.

The June storm/microburst caused damage around the Town. Eversource reported 52% of Salem was out of power. Public Works cleaned up downed trees.

The Building Department hours are now 3:00 to 7:00pm on Monday and Thursday.

The Assessor's Department hours are now 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday.

B. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr reported the Committee is getting close to having the final work completed. The tank has been removed from below the parking lot.

C. Board of Education – E. Chmielewski reported Joan Phillips is now Principal; Mike Rafferty is Assistant Principal.

D. Board of Finance- No report.

E. Planning and Zoning Commission – No report.

F. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report.

G. Economic Development Commission- No report.

H. Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

I. Recreation Commission – D. Weston reported summer programs are running.

J. Public Safety – K. Lyden reported Officer Carson Konow will be covering the day resident trooper shift; interviews are taking place for the evening trooper.

K. Library Board- The roof leak has been fixed at the Library.

8. Public Comment- none

9. Adjournment

M/C/S (Burr/ Chmielewski) to adjourn at 8:12 P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary